The Bungee Book Club Web Master and Literature Researcher

VIRTUAL STUDENT FOREIGN SERVICE

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Project Title	The Bungee Book Club Web Master and Literature Researcher
Project Summary	Manage The Bungee Book Club (The BBC) Web site. Explore and select supportive literary resources, e.g. book reviews, author radio interviews, TED Talks, etc. surrounding The BBC's book selections. Maintain Web site analytics. Be part of the book selection process.
Country	United States
Agency	Agency for International Development
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

The Bungee Book Club (The BBC) is USAID's premiere book club. It has been in existence since April 2009 and currently boasts of some 170 members (inside and outside of USAID) and growing. The BBC is managed voluntarily by staff from the Bureau for Economic Growth, Environment and Education in Washington, DC, and functions in partnership with the USAID Library and the Women@USAID organization. The BBC maintains a Web site external to USAID (http://thebbc.info) in order that non-USAID members have access to the site.

The BBC reads and discusses four to five stringently selected books per year. The book selections are drawn from a broad spectrum of disciplines and topics. One of The BBC selection criteria is that the book holds out promise of directly or indirectly impacting how we conduct our work and/or our world view. At the same time, we intentionally shy away from international development books per se as we prefer to engage in the cross-fertilization of ideas.

The BBC Web site serves a very important function for the club. Besides helping new members learn about The BBC, it lists all past BBC book selections. And most importantly, it underpins our readings with supportive resource material, book reviews, author interviews, related articles by other authors, TED Talks, and the like. The eIntern is responsible for managing The BBC Web site with the primary responsible for researching and producing the resource materials supporting each of our book selections.

Besides being venerate readers, eIntern candidates should have some Web site development experience preferably with hands-on knowledge of WordPress (the Web site content management system upon which The

BBC Web site is built) or be able to rapidly get up to speed with WordPress based on experience with other Web site building tools.

The BBC Executive Board makes the book selections. However, we have called on our previous eInterns on occasion to help in the selection process. This approach will be continued moving forward. It is incumbent upon The BBC eIntern to read each of our book selections in order to facilitate producing an elucidating resource page for the selection. The BBC provides a copy of all of the selections for the eIntern's personal library.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Throughout our eight year existence, we have had only two eInterns (sequentially). They were exceptional and their work was invaluable to us! They stayed with us until they completed their studies. In both instances, we developed very close ties and great working relationships. We like to think that their BBC eInternships were, likewise, of marked value to them as well for their professional careers.

Language Requirements

None